Appendix



Glossary of Terms

Audit	A formal, periodic examination and verification of accounts or records to verify procedural correctness.
Booking Officer	The employee who prepares the property for submission to the property section.
Chain of Custody	A formal, written process which records the individuals having custody of property/evidence from the time it is received to its final disposition. (See Appendix B, Form 12.)
Disposition of Property	Authorized method of purging property.
Evidence	Property which may be related to a crime, or which may implicate or clear a person of a criminal charge.
Found Property	Non-evidentiary property which, after coming into the custody of a law enforcement agency, has been determined to be lost or abandoned and is not known or suspected to be connected with any criminal offense.
Inventory	A complete and formal reconciliation of records against items.
Property Controller	Also known as, but not limited to, property officer, property clerk, property technician, evidence technician, or property supervisor/ manager.
Property for Disposal	Non-evidentiary property that an individual has requested be destroyed. This term generally includes weapons and ammunition

Glossary of Terms (continued)

Property Record / Receipt A form used to account for property/evidence that is taken into custody by a law enforcement employee during the course of employment. (See Appendix B, Form 1.) The receipt of property back into the system which has been temporarily Return of Property..... checked out for investigation, processing, court, or similar reasons. Non-evidentiary property which is placed in the custody of a law Safekeeping enforcement agency for temporary protection on behalf of the owner, Any device having acute rigid corners, edges, or protuberances capable Sharps Waste..... of cutting or piercing. Temporary Storage Lockers..... Lockers that are used, in the absence of a property controller, to secure property that has been packaged, tagged, and accompanied by a Property Record/Receipt form. (See Figure 3.2) of cutting or piercing.